

INDIANA'S EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

April 21, 2014

Resolution Regarding Exemplary Curricular and Instructional Materials Aligned with Indiana's Academic Standards

WHEREAS, teachers, administrators, and school boards could benefit from recommendations by content specialists regarding exemplary curricular and instructional materials – including sample math problems modeling content and process, a reading list, samples of grade level text complexity, and guidance on the inclusion of non-fiction text – that are aligned with Indiana's academic standards (collectively, "standards resource guides"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 20-26-12-24, teachers, administrators, and school boards have statutory authority to determine curricular and instructional materials for their schools and school corporations at the local level, and are not required to adopt recommended standards resource guides; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Indiana Education Roundtable ("Roundtable") to fulfill its statutory obligations under IC 20-19-4-10, IC 20-19-4-11 and IC 20-19-4-12, regarding the recommendation of assessments aligned with Indiana's academic standards, the Roundtable could benefit from standards resource guides; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Education ("Department") and staff from the Center for Education and Career Innovation ("CECI") could coordinate the identification and dissemination of exemplary standards resource guides to assist teachers, administrators, school boards, the Roundtable and the Indiana State Board of Education ("Board").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Roundtable recommends that the Board adopt a process on April 28, 2014, for the Department and staff from CECI to develop exemplary standards resource guides that are grade level and subject matter appropriate, and of appropriate breadth and complexity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Roundtable recommends that the standards resource guides aligned with the academic standards recommended by the Roundtable on April 21, 2014, shall be submitted to the Roundtable and the Board for review in advance of June 15, 2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Roundtable recommends that the standards resource guides shall be distributed by the Department to teachers, administrators, school boards, the Roundtable and the Board, and made available on the Department's internet website, no later than July 1, 2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Roundtable recommends that the Department reports at least once annually to the Roundtable and the Board on the development and continuous updating of standards resource guides across all content areas.

ADOPTED: APRIL 21, 2014